

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action of January 13, 2004, some claims were allowed and others rejected as obvious. Applicant has canceled all of the previous claims which now renders the prior rejections moot.

Applicant submits a new set of claims 36-42. Support for this amendment is found in the original claims 26-35.

On January 5, 2004, Applicant filed a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with copies of an office action from the Japanese Patent Office and references cited therein. This IDS apparently overlapped in the mail with the Examiner's Final Office Action of January 13, 2004.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims 36-42 are patentable over the prior art of record, including the art recently noted by the Japanese Patent Office in Applicant's latest IDS.

New independent claim 36 recites a second electrode comprising a transparent layer located between a distributed Bragg reflector and a light-emissive region comprising an organic light-emissive material. In an organic light-emissive device (OLED) such as defined by claim 36, conduction of charge through the layers of the device is necessary, as discussed at page 14 of the present specification. In the device of claim 36, the problem of charge transfer is solved by providing a transparent electrode layer between a Bragg reflector and the organic light-emissive layer.

From U.S. Patent No. 5,132,750 (same as JP 03-163882) it was known to produce an inorganic structure in which a reflector 16 is located between electrodes 26 and 28 of the structure. However, such an arrangement would not be effective in the

OLED defined by claim 36. There is no suggestion in U.S. Patent 5,132,750 of how to solve the problem of charge transfer in an OLED.

Applicant respectfully asserts that independent claim 36, and claims 37-42 which depend therefrom, are both novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.


Applicant requests entry of the January 5, 2004 IDS and entry and allowance of the present claims 36-42.

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